

Dolphins are amazing!

WALT: Explain

Dolphins are very common sea animals with over 30 different types .
Dolphins sleep very different to us and eat lots of different fish. Also their history is very interesting.

There are over 30 different types of dolphins. Some of them are... Hector's dolphin: Female Hector's dolphins are usually 1.2 - 1.4 metres long and weigh about 45 kilograms, males are a little smaller and weigh about 10 kilograms. Also Bottlenose dolphins are one of the most common dolphins:

The bottlenose dolphin, specifically, is 3 m (10 ft.) This dolphin can weigh up to 181.4 kg. Now that's a big animal. Spotted dolphin: newborn calves are dark gray with a white belly and no spots. Length averages about 7 feet. Also Whales are dolphins.

Dolphins drink on their mothers milk for the first few weeks, calves (baby dolphins) begin eating fish at 3 to 4 months and are weaned (don't drink milk any more) at 12 to 18 months. Dolphins feed on all kinds of fish such as tuna, mackeral and herring. With adults eating 13 to 14 pounds of fish a day.

People have shown that only half of dolphin's brain sleep at a time, leaving the other half, fully aware of dangers. They only take cat naps every so often, at the ocean's surface for two or three minutes at a time. At night, those naps increase to seven or eight minutes. Dolphins sleep about 8 hours a day, adding up all their cat naps.

Opo was New Zealands most well known dolphin

Opo was a bottlenose dolphin who became famous throughout New Zealand during the summer of 1955-56 for playing with the children of the small town of Opononi on the Hokinga harbour. He lived for 40 years but was only found the 2 last years of his life, he was very kind. Opo was a wild

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No colon here - just use a fullstop.

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These sentences are not written properly - they seem more like bullet points under a fact list than proper sentences. I'm not sure that whales are dolphins - that is the opinion of some people but not whale or dolphin biologists so I don't think you can say this is a fact - you could some people think that but that not everyone agrees.

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You should have left a line space in between these two paragraphs. I would also suggest paragraph headings to give your audience a better clue about what each paragraph will be about.

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dolphin who started following fishing boats around Opononi in early 1955 after her mother had been killed, and would swim daily in the bay close to town. On 8 March 1956 official protection for Opo, requested by locals, was made law, but on 9 March she was found dead.

Marineland in Napier used to have dolphins that performed - what was unusual was that they were common dolphins which people thought couldn't be trained. The last dolphin they had was named Kelly and she lived there for 34 years and performed nearly everyday.

Shona was another common dolphin that was friends with Kelly and she lived there for 32 years.

Dolphins are magical creatures who have been on Earth for 25 million years, according to fossil evidence which means the life of an animal, these animals tend to live in the shallow waters in which people frequently choose to swim and boat. This species of dolphin also does very well under human care and are usually your marine park performers.

People have marked an additional 50 dolphins in 1980 and then recaptured some tagged dolphins in 1981 for a close-up look at the tags. Catching and releasing the dolphins was fast-paced but over in a relatively small amount of time. The bulk of the time in the field was spent looking for tagged dolphins. People used a field crew of 2-3 people and collected dolphin observations throughout the year as long as the weather was good. In the first three months of the study in 1979 we made over 400 dolphin herd sightings.

I hope you have enjoyed learning about dolphins today and how they live, eat, sleep and their history. Dolphins are very magical animals.

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This has been well written - well done!

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What's this? Can you tell me what fossil evidence is and could you explain this to your audience? Remember to share what you understand.

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Sorry Sarah but this doesn't sound like it's written in your own words. Remember you need to take notes from your research so that you can understand it and write about it in your own words.